

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A₁ A preferred embodiment of the present invention will hereinafter be described in detail with reference to the accompanying drawings. While this invention is described in connection with what is presently considered to be the most practical and preferred embodiment, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the disclosed embodiments, but, on the contrary, is intended to cover various modifications and equivalent arrangements included within the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the claims as follows:

A₂ Sub 1. (amended) A shift control method for shifting into a forward driving range while driving in a reverse driving range of an automatic transmission vehicle, comprising:

detecting a shift lever position of the vehicle;

detecting an engine revolution speed of the vehicle;

detecting a throttle valve opening of the vehicle;

detecting a vehicle speed; and

performing a shift control operation for shifting into a first gear if the shift lever is